

## CLAIMS:

1. A method of operating a communication network with a network management system, wherein said communication network comprises a number of objects being stored in a database on a server, and wherein  
5 said network management system is located on the server which can be accessed by a client, said method of operating the communication network comprises the transmission of data between the server and the client under the use of the Common Object Request Broker Architecture (CORBA), said method comprising the step of using a definition for a  
10 struct which only includes at least one attribute but no operation.
2. The method of claim 1 comprising the further step of using a definition for an interface that only includes an operation but not necessarily any attribute.
3. The method of claim 2 comprising the further step of including a reference  
15 to said struct in said interface.
4. The method of claim 1 comprising the further step that an instruction from the client which is directed to the struct on the server, results in sending data from the server to the client.
5. The method of claim 4 comprising the further step of not storing the data  
20 sent to the client on the server.
6. A computer program or a computer program product preferably stored on a data carrier, for executing the method of claim 1 when run on a data processing system such as a computer.
7. A communication network with a network management system, wherein  
25 said communication network comprises a number of objects being stored in a database on a server, wherein said network management system is located on the server which can be accessed by a client, and wherein said communication network comprises the transmission of data between the server and the client under the use of the Common Object Request

Broker Architecture (CORBA), wherein a definition for a struct may be used which only includes at least one attribute but no operation.

8. A network management system for a communication network, wherein said communication network comprises a number of objects being stored in a database on a server, wherein said network management system is located on the server which can be accessed by a client, and wherein said communication network comprises the transmission of data between the server and the client under the use of the Common Object Request Broker Architecture (CORBA), wherein a definition for a struct may be used which only includes at least one attribute but no operation.
9. An interface to a network management system of a communication network, wherein said communication network comprises a number of objects being stored in a database on a server, wherein said network management system is located on the server which can be accessed by a client, and wherein said communication network comprises the transmission of data between the server and the client under the use of the Common Object Request Broker Architecture (CORBA), wherein the interface comprises a definition for a struct which only includes at least one attribute but no operation.